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Zühlke unveils latest Institutional Decentralized Finance Whitepaper at Point Zero Forum

Global innovation partner Zühlke has announced the launch of its latest whitepaper titled "Institutional DeFi: Reshaping Financial Services" at the upcoming Point Zero Forum 2024. This report demonstrates the transformative role of decentralized finance (DeFi) within the financial services sector, offering a pioneering analysis that bridges traditional banking with the fast-changing world of blockchain technologies.

Authored by industry experts including Stefan Grasmann, Chief of Blockchain at Zühlke, Christoph Hock, Head Tokenisation & Digital Assets at Union Investment and Hagen Weiss, Counsel at Dentons, the publication provides a comprehensive exploration of the current landscape of DeFi in institutional settings. It examines the pivotal challenges and opportunities that blockchain technologies present to traditional financial systems, including enhanced transparency, efficiency, and security, while also addressing the complexities and regulatory considerations that institutions must navigate.

"DeFi builds new, complementary financial services alongside the traditional landscape. But it has yet to truly break through, especially on the corporate side. Our whitepaper aims to demystify the intricacies of DeFi for traditional financial institutions and provide strategic insights for entities looking to innovate and adapt in this rapidly evolving space," said Stefan Grasmann, Chief of Blockchain.

Key insights from the whitepaper:

- **Understanding DeFi's Impact:** Learn how DeFi platforms are transforming the financial services industry, including effects on asset management, banking, and compliance landscapes.
- **Technological Advancements:** Explore the role of blockchain technology in facilitating transparent and efficient financial operations, highlighting innovations like smart contracts and tokenization.
- **Strategic Adaptation for Institutions:** Gain insights into how traditional financial institutions can adapt to leverage DeFi strategies, enhancing operational efficiency and customer satisfaction.
- **Regulatory Considerations:** Review the current regulatory environment surrounding DeFi, including challenges and strategic recommendations for compliance and integration.
- **Future Outlook:** Discover the potential future developments in DeFi, how they will impact the financial industry, and what institutions can do now to prepare for these changes.



Point Zero Forum attendees can expect exclusive insights from the whitepaper at the roundtable discussion on “Permissionless blockchain in financial services”, featuring some of the leading voices in blockchain and financial technology.

The Point Zero Forum is an initiative of Elevandi and the Swiss State Secretariat for International Finance to promote a policy and technology dialogue in Financial Services.

Held annually in Zurich, Switzerland, the Forum convenes central bankers, regulators, policymakers, and industry leaders to address the latest developments in financial technology and the future of finance.

Across a series of leadership dialogues, public-private roundtables, deep-dive workshops and networking events, the Forum aims to drive confidence, adoption and growth of transformative technology and assess and promote the appropriate governance and risk frameworks.



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